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SUBJECT : ROC AIR DEFENSE

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1. KMT-SUPPORTED PRIVATELY OWNED "GREAT CHINA
EVENING NEWS" REPORTED ON JULY 12 THAT THE USG OFFICIALLY
INFORMED THE GROC THROUGH AMBASSADOR UNGER OF THE
U.S. DECISION TO SELL PLANES TO THE ROC AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.) IF THE ROC WISHES TO BUY THE KFIR JETS,
THE U.S. WILL AGREE;

- 2.) IF THE ROC DOES NOT WISH TO BUY THE KFIR,
THE U.S. WILL SELL MORE IMPROVED F-5E JETS TO THE
ROC. ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT PREVIOUSLY SIGNED
BY THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE ROC WILL BUILD 200
F-5ES. THE IMPROVED F-5ES WILL BE ALL-WEATHER
PLANES, MUCH BETTER THAN THE F-5ES THE ROC NOW HAS.
"INFORMED ROC SOURCES" SAID THAT THE ROC WILL MAKE
A DECISION BY THE END OF JULY.
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2. THE STORY HAS NOT BEEN PICKED UP BY ANY OTHER
NEWSPAPER.

3. IF ASKED ABOUT THE STORY, WE SHALL SAY THAT WE
HAVE NO COMMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER
THE PRESS IN THE U.S. PICKS UP THE STORY AND,

IF SO, WHAT THE PRESS IS TOLD IN WASHINGTON. UNGER

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